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February 7, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, and Hosston
Formation, Reservoir A, HARPER FIELD,
Natchitoches and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

GARNER & TAKACH EXPLORATION, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Harper Field, Natchitoches and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS RA SUA.

2. To propose that all wells drilled in the future to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, within or outside of the proposed unit, be located no closer than 1,000 feet to any unit line and no closer than 2,000 feet to any other well completed in, drilling to, or for which a permit has been granted to drill to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A.

3. To define the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 7,980 feet and 9,000 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Placid Oil Company--IPB-Placid et al. Fee 6 No. 1 Well, located in Section 6, Township 13 North, Range 6 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

4. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated ROD RA SUG.

5. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

6. To designate a unit operator of, and unit well for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.

7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1434, effective August 18, 1998, to the proposed additional unit for the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A.

8. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, in the Harper Field, Natchitoches and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1434, effective August 18, 1998.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Garner & Takach Exploration, L.L.C., 400 Travis Street, Suite 407, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Mike Garner at (318) 221-5052 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated January 23, 2001, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for February 14, 2001. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, no conference was held.

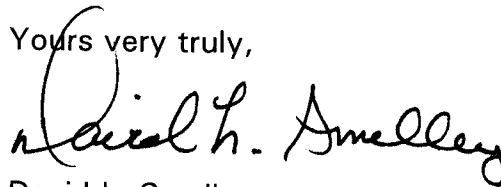
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Attached hereto are plats showing Applicant's proposed additional units, which units are identical to those shown on the plats attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Harper Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Garner & Takach Exploration,
L.L.C.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Mike Garner (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

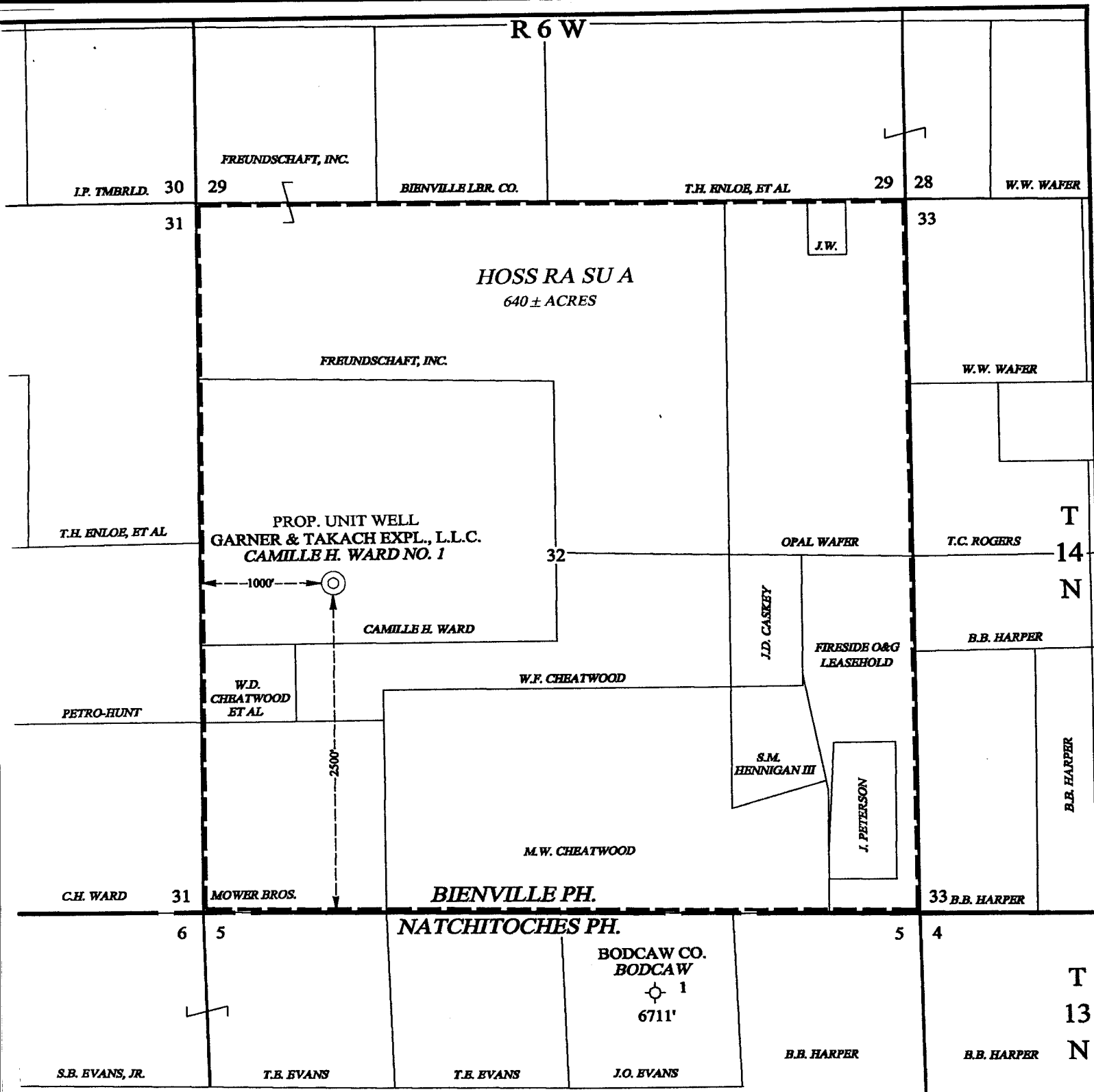


EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 01-

GARNER & TAKACH EXPLORATION, L.L.C.
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

HARPER FIELD
NATCHITOCHES AND BIENVILLE PARISHES, LOUISIANA

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